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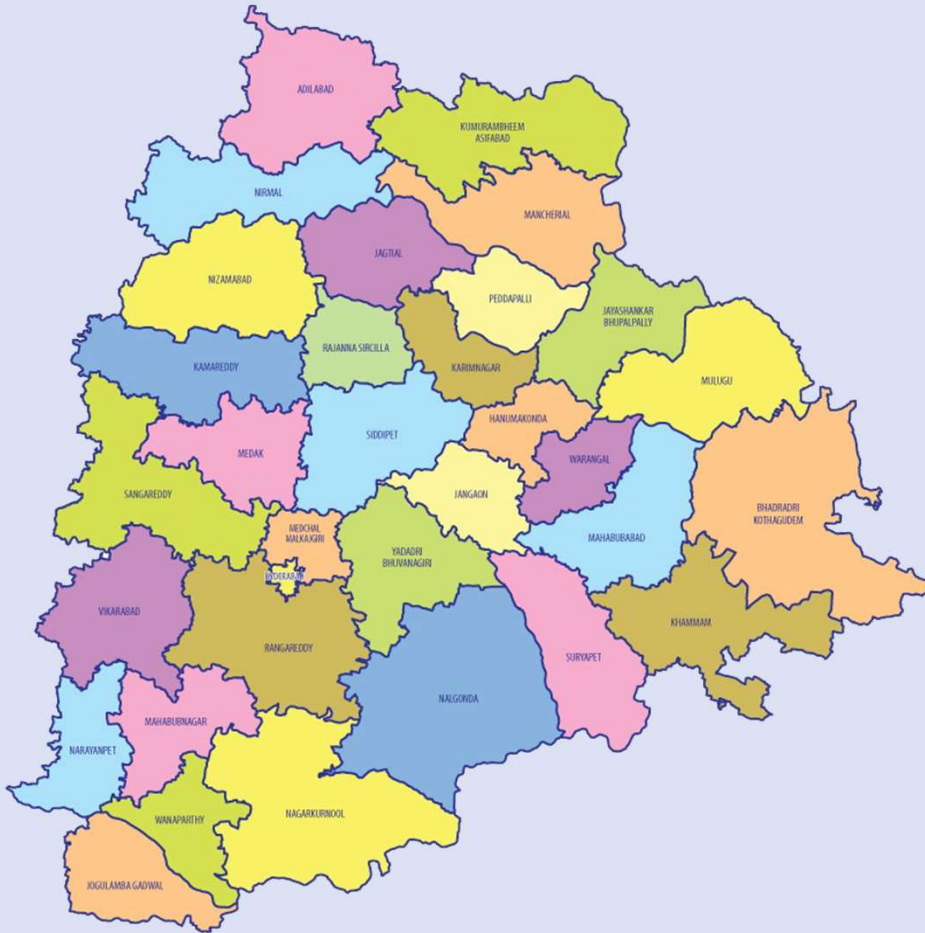
Press Conference

Review of Poll Preparedness for forthcoming Assembly Elections in Telangana – 2023

October 5, 2023



NO VOTER TO BE LEFT BEHIND



ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES

Term of Assembly
16.01.2024

TOTAL -119

General - 88

ST - 12

SC - 19

(As on 04.10.2023)

General Overview of Electors



Total Electors ~ **3.17 crore**



Male
~ 1.58 crore



Female
~ 1.58 crore



Transgenders
2,557



PwD
~ 5.06 lakhs



80+
~ 4.43 lakhs



Centenarian (100+)
7,689



First time voters (18-19)
~ 8.11 lakhs



Service Electors
15,338



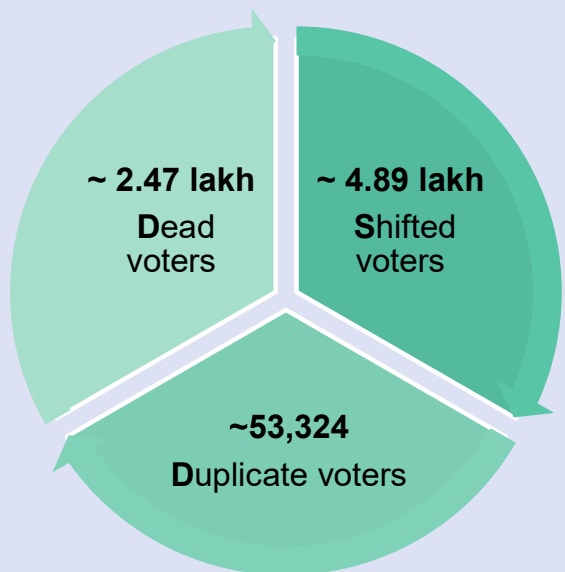
Transparent & Equal Opportunity

Safeguards against wrongful deletions & Super Checking

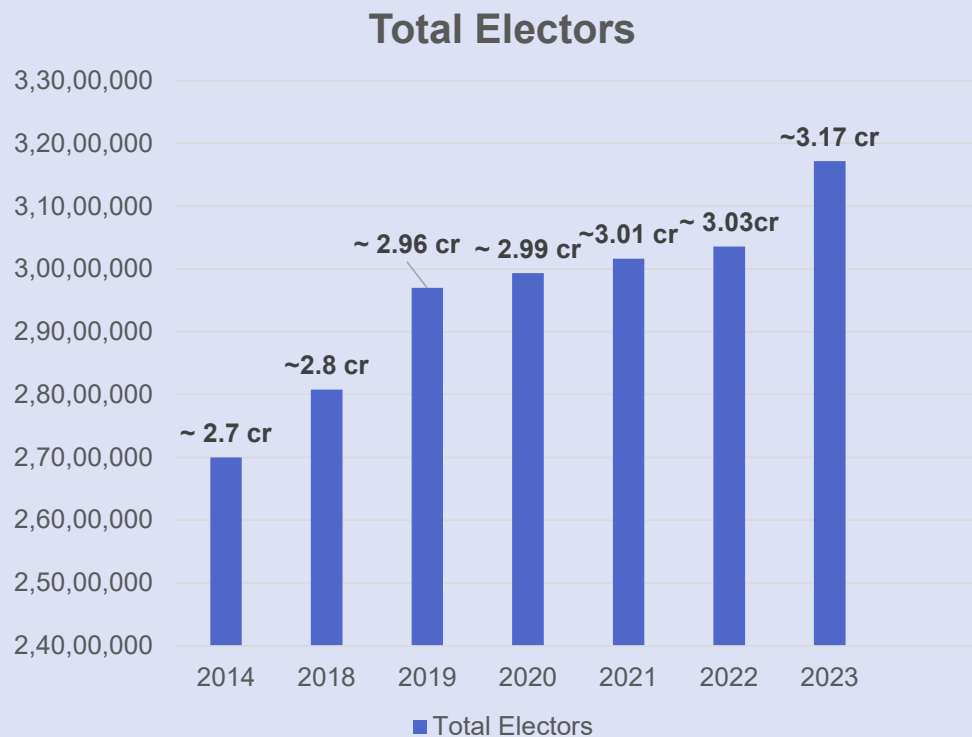
- 1 Deletions only when **Form-7** is received
- 2 No suo-moto deletion without BLO's field verification
- 3 Even In case of registered death, deletion only on verification/production of death certificate.
- 4 All deletions (except death) to be **verified** by an officer
- 5 **10% of total deletion** (randomly picked by system) to be verified by field visits
- 6 To be cross verified personally by ERO, if Number of **deletions exceed 2% of total electors in voters'** list of the polling stations.
- 7 Cases of deletions other than those made on the ground of death should Be cross verified by Supervisors, AEROs and EROs before passing the orders.

Ensuring Purity of Electoral Roll

- ~22 lakhs Voters deleted in 2022 & 2023
- ~14 lakh dead/duplicate/shifted voters deleted during 2022
- ~7.9 lakh dead/duplicate/shifted voters deleted from the Electoral Roll in 2023



Over 14 lakh corrections done during 2023

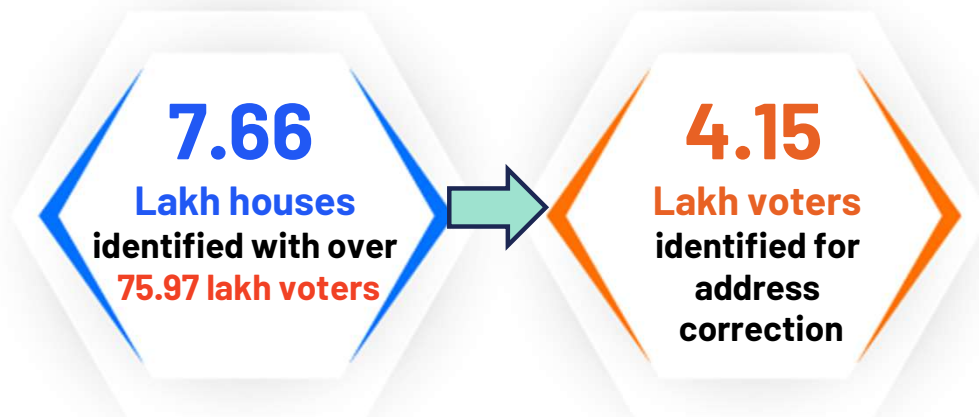


1.66 % per annum growth in electors since 2014

5.8% net increase in electors since Jan 6, 2023

Inclusive Electoral Roll- Enrolment in Gated Communities

- Campaign to enrol voters in GHMC area
 - **757 teams** were allotted **4,605 RWAs** covering **14.57 lakh households**
 - **50,000 + Form 6 & Form 8** received
- Door Number/Address Verification having more than **6 voters** across the state



TRANSPARENCY

Free, Fair & Participative
Elections

Vision
Of
Transparency in
Election Process

Involvement in All Processes from ROLL TO POLL AND COUNTING



- Updation of Electoral Rolls
- Standing Committee meetings
- FLC, Commissioning and Symbol loading
- Mock Polls on 3 occasion for every machine
- Storage, Transportation of EVMs
- Booth level agents, Polling agents, Counting agents
- Strong rooms monitoring by Political Parties
- Voting through Postal Ballot (Home voting)
- Counting

Inclusive Elections – Focus on Youth

- 119 dedicated AEROs for campaign in colleges
- ~ **8.11 lakh** First Time voters (18-19 years) to participate (Over 5.32 lakh added since Jan 6, 2023)
- Advance application w.r.t April 1, July 1 & October 1, 2023 as qualifying date ~ **2.21 lakhs** eligible to participate in elections due to amendment on qualifying dates
- Gender Ratio in 18-19 age group increased from **707 to 743**
- 360 degree outreach campaigns to motivate young voters

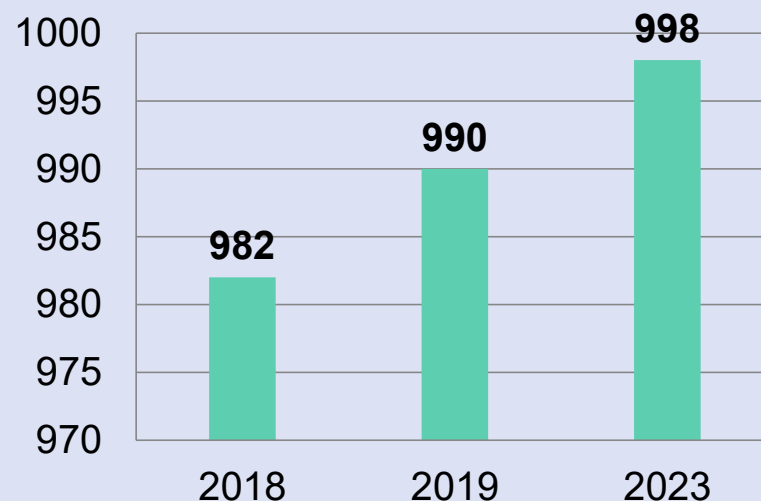


Inclusive Elections – Focus on Women

- Electoral Gender Ratio – **998**
- 66 ACs have Electoral Gender Ratio > 1000
- 18-19 years women voters – **3.45 lakhs**
- 18,659 PS where Women VTR < Male VTR



Electoral Roll Gender Ratio



Inclusive & Participative Elections - PVTGs

- 4 PVTGs- Chenchu, Kolam, Thoti & Kondareddy
- Total Population - 59, 583
- 18+ Population - 39,186
- Electors ~ 39,186


100% Enrolment



Inclusive Elections – Focus on Third gender



- Enrolment camps were conducted for third gender voters in all districts
- Meetings with associations of third gender persons
- Number of persons who were willing to identify as third gender increased from **1,952 (on 5.1.2023) to 2,556**

EASY STEPS TO CHECK YOUR NAME IN THE ELECTORAL ROLLS



VOTER HELPLINE APP

Download the **Voter Helpline App** from App Store (Android and iOS) or Log on to **voters.eci.gov.in**



STEP 1 Go to the **Home Screen**

STEP 2 Click on **Search Your Name in Electoral Roll** button

STEP 3 If you have your EPIC Number, use **Search by EPIC**


STEP 4 If you don't have your EPIC Number, use **Search by Details**

STEP 5 All details of **Name and Polling Station** are displayed

If your name is missing, use Form 6 to enroll as voter use Form 8 for corrections

Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana

1950
Toll Free (10.30am - 5pm)



General Overview of Polling Stations



No. of PS
35,356



Avg. Voter per PS
897



Urban
14,458



Rural
20,898



Webcasting-
27,798 PS (~ 78%)



PwD managed
120



Youth Managed
119



Women Manged
597



Model PS
644



Enhanced Voter Experience

Model PS- 644

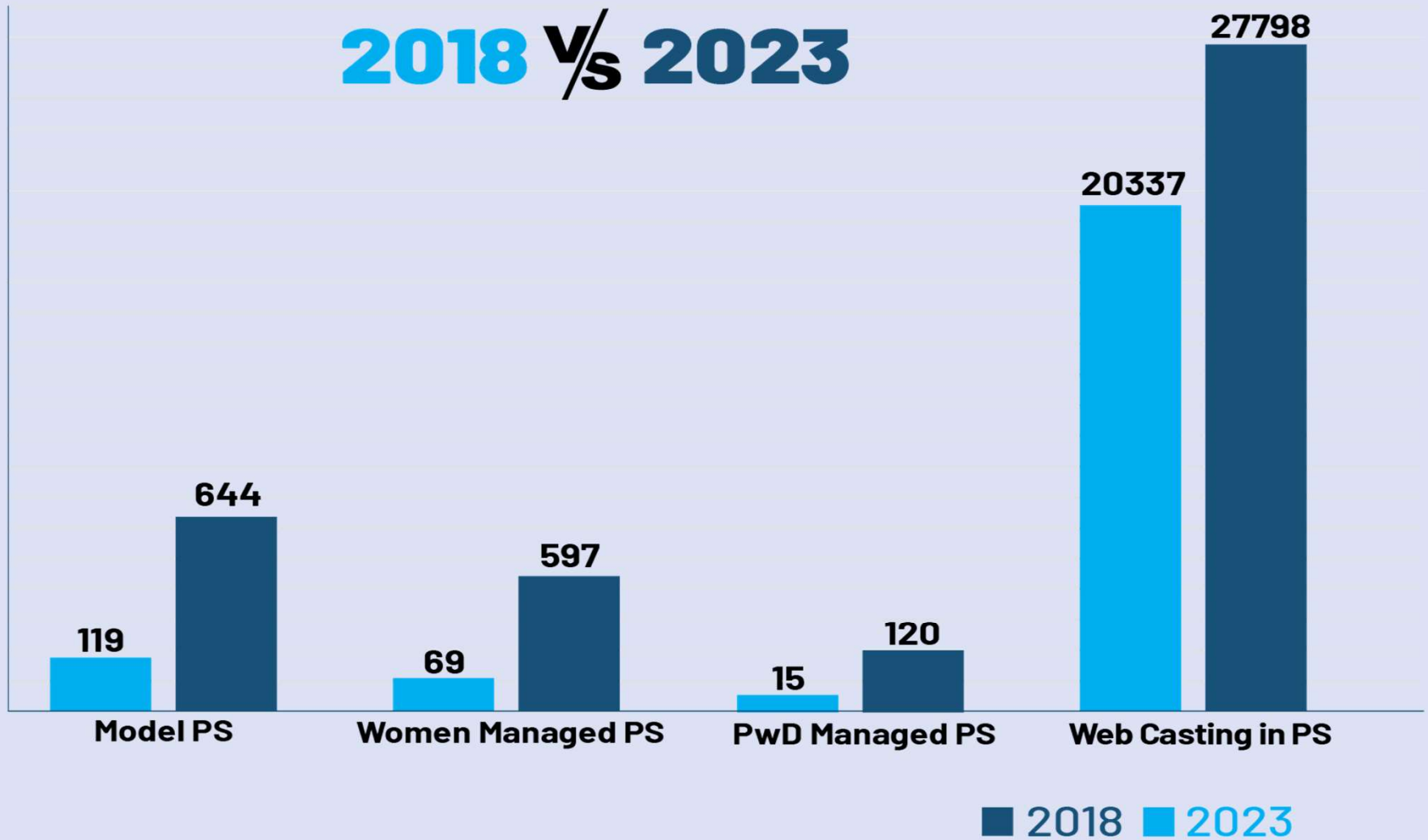


Women Manged PS -597



Enhanced Voter Experience

2018 v/s 2023



Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF)



Senior Citizens & Centenarians

80+
~ 4.43 lakhs



100+
7,689



- Accessible Polling Stations.
- All PS on ground floor
- Facility of Volunteers & Wheel chair at PS
- Priority in Voting
- Home Voting Facility (Postal Ballot facility). **Fill Form 12 D** - within 5 days of notification

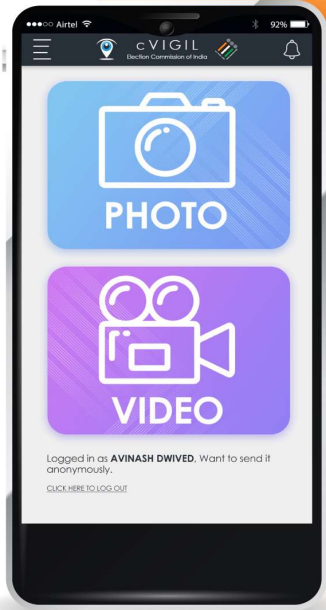


~ 5.06 lakhs

Persons with Disability

- Accessible Polling Stations.
- All PS on ground floor
- Facility of Volunteers & Wheel chair at PS
- Priority in Voting
- Home Voting Facility (Postal Ballot facility). Fill **Form 12 D** - within 5 days of notification
- Pick and Drop facility
- Saksham App for PS facilities





cVIGIL MOBILE APP

ONE APP TO REPORT MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT (MCC) VIOLATION

1. Political Posters/Banners
2. Money Distribution
3. Liquor/Drugs Distribution
4. Gifts/Coupons Distribution
5. Display of Firearms, Intimidation
6. Uses of loud speakers beyond permitted time
7. Religious or Communal speeches/messages
8. Vehicle or Convoy without permission
9. Political Rally/Procession without permission
10. Others

AVAILABLE NOW



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cVIGIL MOBILE APP

Vigilant Voters, Stronger Democracy

- Alertness and support of citizens is desirable
- Single App for recording, reporting, and resolving violation. **GIS location** is captured
- Response in **100-minute timeline**
- If the citizen wants, need not give his name and remain **anonymous**

**For Every Complaint,
Response in 100 minutes**

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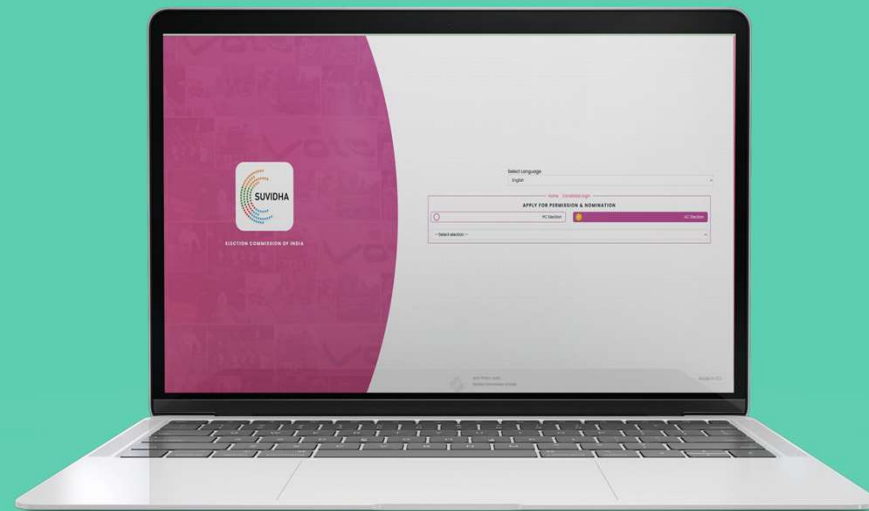


Voter Helpline App

- Apply Forms online.
- Check name in Electoral Roll
- View polling booth details
- Connect with your BLO/ERO
- Check Election Results
- Information on use of EVM
- Download e-EPIC

Suvidha Portal

- Online portal for **filing nomination & Affidavit**
- Candidates can also use the portal for seeking **permissions for meetings, rallies** etc.





Browse candidates and view their details including affidavits provided by the candidate to Returning Officer during nomination.

उम्मीदवारों के बारे में जानें और नामांकन के दौरान रिटर्निंग अधिकारी को उम्मीदवार द्वारा प्रदान किए गए हलफनामों सहित उनका विवरण देखें।

Proceed/आगे बढ़ें



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The information published through this app has been entered by the respective Returning Officer, and is subject to change. For any errors or clarification, please contact the Returning Officer.

Know your Candidate

- Affidavit filed by Candidate can be viewed online through <https://affidavit.eci.gov.in/> & KYC App

- **Empower citizens** to make the right choice

Mandatory for Candidates with Criminal Antecedents:

- Publishing information during the campaign period, on 3 **different occasions** in newspapers and television channels.

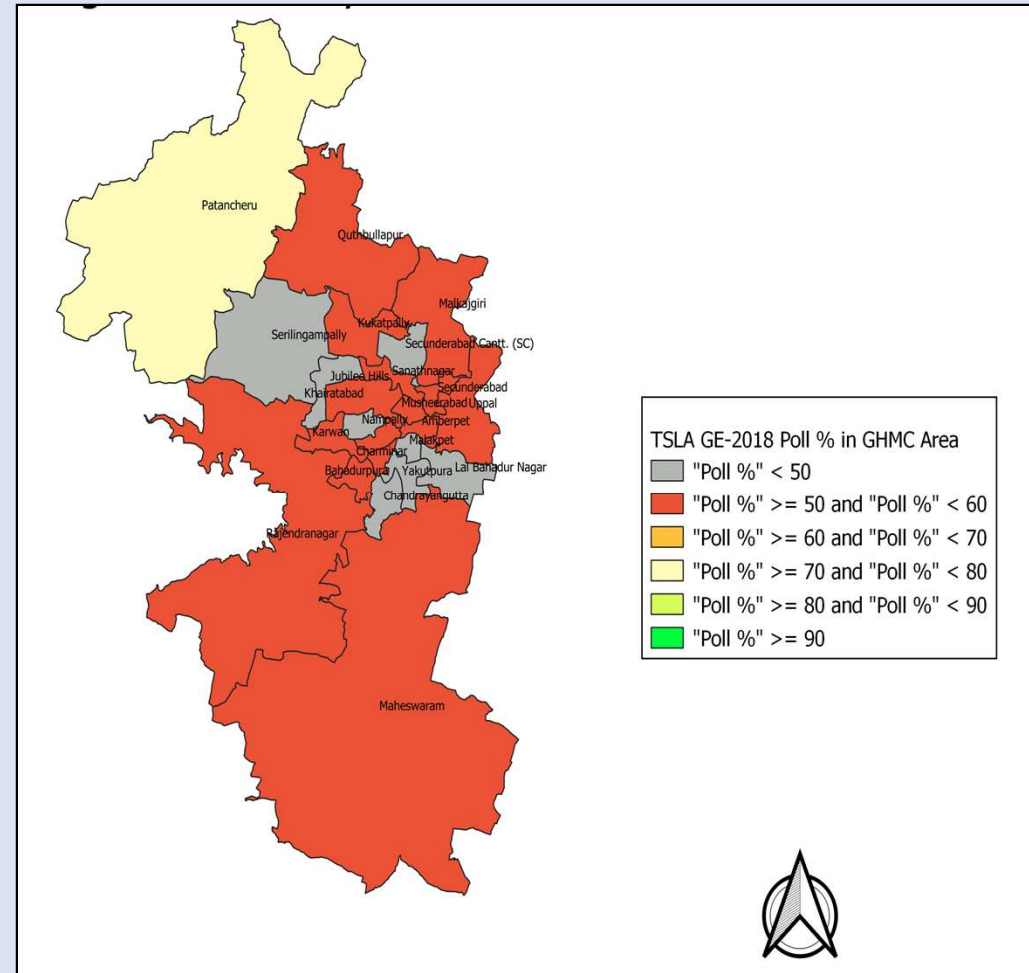
Mandatory for Political parties to upload detailed information:

- On their websites/ social media platforms
- In one national and one regional newspaper

Urban Apathy

- State Voter Turnout (2018) **73.37%**
- **29 AC's in 8 Districts** with turnout less than the State Average
- Out of these 24 ACs in GHMC area. Rest in major municipal corporations
- 13,399 PS where VTR < State Average identified
- **Mission 29**
 - ✓ To Increase VTR by 10% in 24 ACs with less than 60%VTR
 - ✓ To increase VTR by 5% in other 5 ACs where VTR < State Average

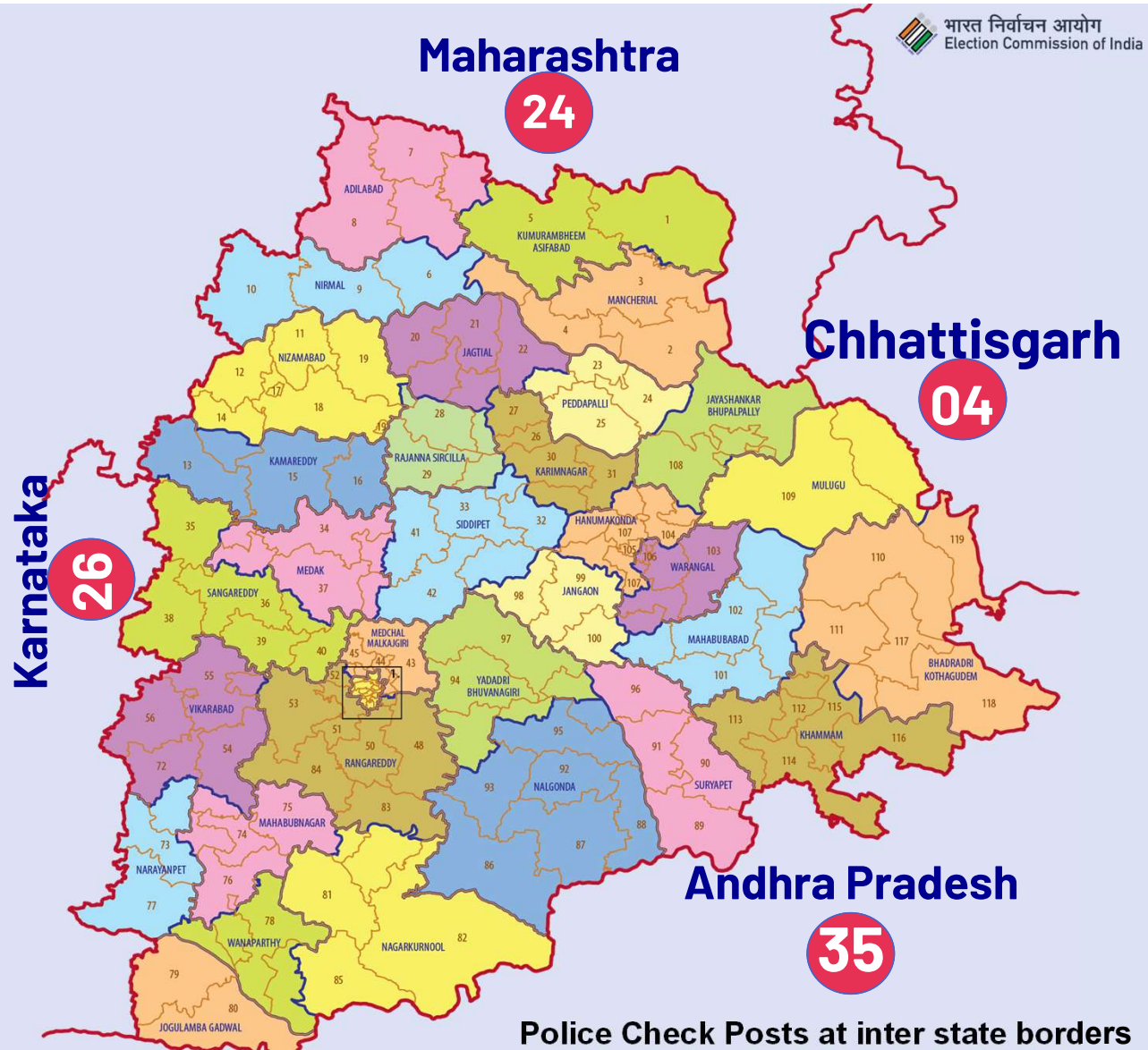
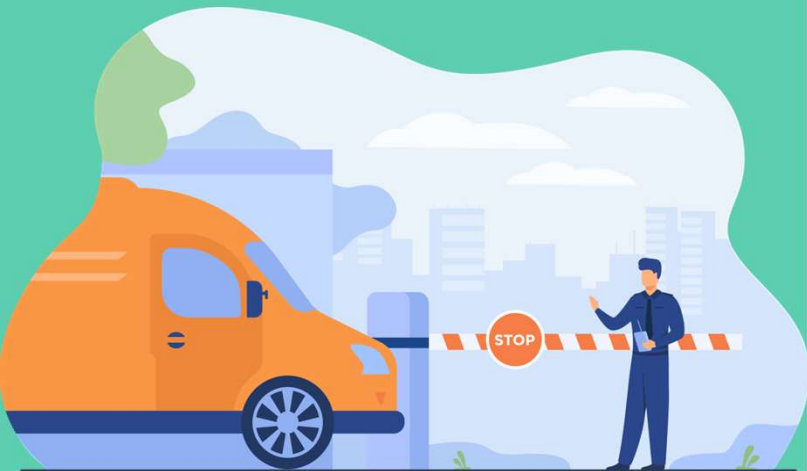
Voter turn out in 24 Acs in GHMC



Strict Vigil on Inter-State Borders

17 districts in Telangana shares border with 4 states

- Police Check Posts - 89
- Road Transport Dept - 14
- Commercial Tax - 16
- Excise - 21
- Forest Check Posts - 08



Inducement Free Election

Agencies to work in coordinated approach rather than working in silos Mapping of Expenditure Sensitive Constituencies

- ✓ State Police
- ✓ State Excise Dept.
- ✓ Central GST & Customs
- ✓ State GST
- ✓ Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
- ✓ Central Industrial Security Force
- ✓ Income Tax Department
- ✓ Enforcement Directorate
- ✓ Bureau of Civil Aviation Security(BCAS)
- ✓ State Transport Department



- ✓ Airport Authority of India
- ✓ State Civil Aviation Department
- ✓ Postal Department
- ✓ Reserve Bank of India
- ✓ State Level Bankers Committee
- ✓ Narcotics Control Bureau
- ✓ State Narcotics Wing
- ✓ Central Bureau of Narcotics
- ✓ Railways
- ✓ Forest Department

Directions to Enforcement Agencies

- 1. Strict action against use of money power during elections**
- 2. Dry up inflow and distribution of liquor, Cash, Freebies, drugs.**
- 3. Action against Liquor Kingpins**
- 4. 148 Check Posts on strategic locations with CCTV monitoring**
- 5. Strict vigil over illicit online cash transfers through wallets**
- 6. SLBC to transfer cash during designated hours in designated vehicles**
- 7. Monitoring of airstrips and helipads in the state by concerned agencies**
- 8. All Enforcement agencies to work in cohesive and coordinated manner**

Directions to State Enforcement Agencies

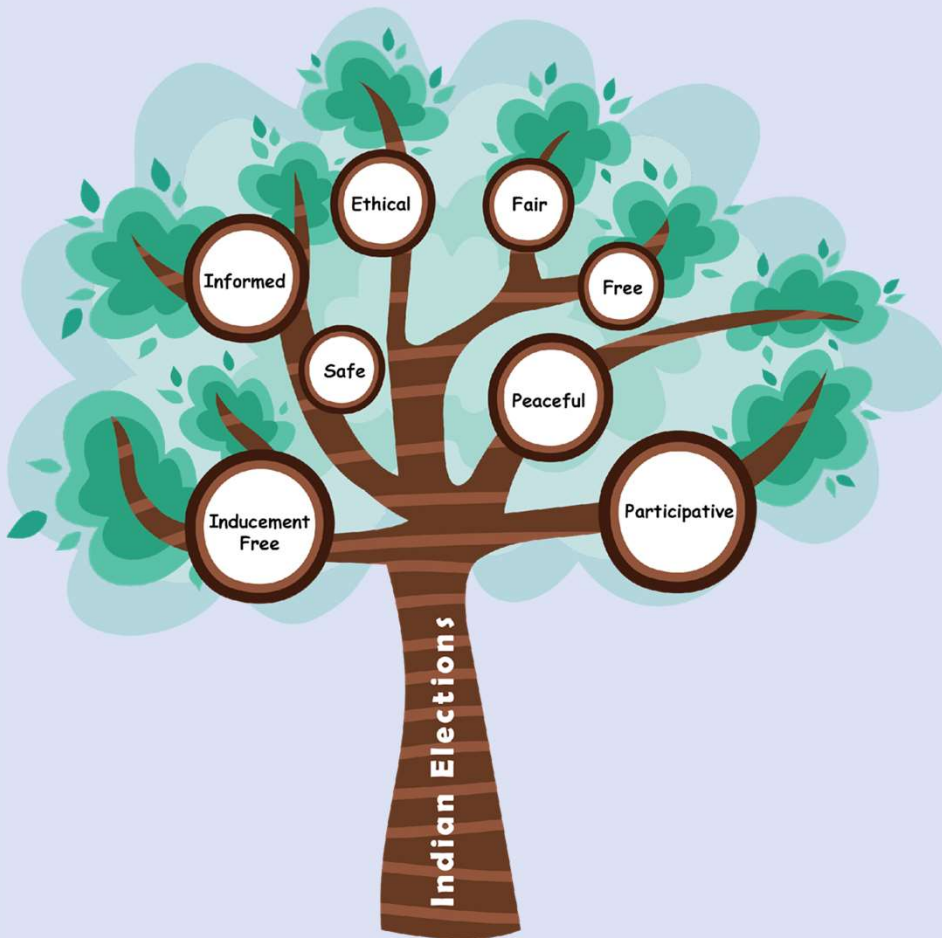
- 9. Identification of sensitive goods with high probable use for distribution**
- 10. Identification of warehouses/godowns used for stockpiling liquor and freebies**
- 11. Joint Operations by agencies including Police, Excise & Transport departments**
- 12. Forest dept to keep check over locally made illicit liquor and strict vigil over forest routes**
- 13. Intelligence sharing amongst different agencies**
- 14. Checking of cargo movement through non-scheduled chartered flights and sharing of information with other enforcement agencies**
- 15. Weekly report on seizures to be submitted**

Directions to DEOs/SPs

- 1. Ensure resolution of grievances and any complaints from political parties**
- 2. Ensure level playing field for all political parties.**
- 3. Voter Information Slips to be distributed timely**
- 4. Voters on Election duty to cast their postal ballots at Voter Facilitation Centre only. Amendment in Conduct of Election Rules 1961 notified.**
- 5. DEOs to ensure ECI guidelines and direction regarding movement and storage of EVMs/ VVPATs with foolproof security. Polling parties to move in official vehicles only**
- 6. MCMC to monitor Paid News cases and violations on social media**
- 7. Directed to continuously upgrade their understanding of electoral rules with updated manuals/Checklists/Do's & Don'ts**

Directions to DEOs/SPs

- 9. Illicit Liquor retail outlets to be closed down**
- 8. Pending NBWs to be executed in a time bound manner**
- 9. Female staff to be deployed at polling stations, to the extent feasible, to check cases of impersonation by women voters**
- 10. Commission will also be deploying Observers to supervise on field the conduct of free and fair elections in the state. Local and contact details to be made publicly available**
- 11. Social Media Cell to be established at district level to counter fake news. Respond to fake news in a real time manner**



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Thank You

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